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Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS)
Threat Level: HIGH (Orange)
Maritime Security Condition: TWO

The Department of Homeland Security in consultation with the Homeland Security Council has made the decision to raise the national threat level from an Elevated to High risk of terrorist attack or **Level Orange**. The Intelligence Community believes that terrorists will attempt multiple attacks against U.S. and Coalition targets worldwide in the event of a U.S. - led military campaign against Saddam Hussein. Accordingly, the Captain of the Port Jacksonville, FL has raised the port security level to **MARSEC TWO** in the Ports of Jacksonville, Fernandina, and Canaveral.

In recent months, there have been reports of suspicious activity in and around military facilities, ports, waterways, general infrastructure (bridges, dams, power generating facilities), and targets that are considered symbolic to U.S. power and influence. Transportation authorities and infrastructure owners and operators are recommended to evaluate current security procedures and apply, as appropriate, protective measures that correspond to threat condition "**High**" (Orange) and **MARSEC TWO**. Such measures should include an increase of ID check of all personnel entering facilities and additional security sweeps and patrols of facilities and critical infrastructure.

There will Port Security Committee meetings in the Port of Jacksonville and the Port of Canaveral on March 19, 2003. Please check our website, www.uscg.mil/d7/units/mso-jax for times and locations. All port stakeholders are requested to increase the awareness of all employees and personnel involved and report any suspicious activities to local law enforcement **and** the National Response Center (**1-800-424-8802**).

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